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INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IN FERTILIZER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for creating more infrastructural facilities in the fertilizer sector on the basis of latest technology in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made/likely to be made by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (d): Infrastructure facilities developed in the country as a result of various Government schemes are being used by the fertilizer sector also for its development/expansion. Keeping in view the feedstock constraints, Government had constituted a Core Group to explore the possibility of importing LNG, as a feedstock for manufacture of fertilizers, as also to servecomplementary sectors like power, domestic gas etc. The Core Group has recommended theconcept of an integrated chain with overseas liquefaction plant, LNG tankers, regasification terminal and the gas delivery system with pipelines and compressors to the consumption points. As far as choice of technology in the fertilizer sector is concerned, it is left to the managements of companies/ entrepreneurs and no restriction regarding selection of technology has been imposed by the Government.